



DEP Employees of the Month for Jan & Feb 2010

This special edition of Pipeline doesn't just have unusual timing. It also has remarkable content: it is entirely devoted to DEP's Employee of the Month program and the twelve employees from January and February who have earned that distinction.


Commissioner **Cas Holloway** began the Employee of the Month program to recognize DEP staff who have exhibited outstanding personal effort, and have gone above and beyond the call of duty to serve the people of New York City.

Every month, we'll recognize an employee in each of six categories: Water Supply,

Police & Security; Water and Sewer Operations; Wastewater Treatment; Engineering, Design and Construction & Sustainability; Administration and Support Services, and a Commissioner's Award for exceptional service and achievement in health and safety.

With the exception of the Commissioner's Award, the other five employees will be picked by subcommittees consisting of representatives from each of their respective bureaus.

If you know someone who has demonstrated uncommon dedication and excellence, nominate them. Any DEP employee can nominate

any other DEP employee for this special recognition. You'll need to fill out a form with basic information, such as the nominee's job responsibilities, examples of extraordinary performance, and ways that they have set an example for others. You don't have to be in the same bureau as the person you nominate. The form is available online, and you'll need to submit it—either electronically or in hard copy—by the tenth day following the end of the month. For more information, contact **Herbert Roth** or visit the agency's intranet Pipeline: 

Every month, the Commissioner will host a breakfast where each of the honorees

will receive a certificate. They will be encouraged to invite family and friends to the event. Additionally, honorees will be highlighted in Weekly Pipeline, on the DEP portal, and their names will also be inscribed on Employee of the Month Boards displayed on the 3rd and 19th floors at LeFrak as well as in the Kingston office. Learn more about the first group of honorees and their achievements in the following stories.

These DEP employees have all demonstrated exemplary performance and have made outstanding contributions to the agency's mission that we all should appreciate and emulate.

January Winners

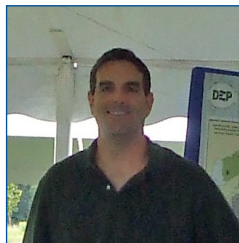


**Cavita Lewis, Office Manager,
EEO Office**

Cavita Lewis is a DEP success story. Once a City Seasonal Aide, she was recently appointed Project Manager for the DCAS/DEP EEO computer based training initiative. As a result, DEP was named one of the City's top agencies for this project. She is also

the creator of the EEO newsletter. Unassuming yet professional, Cavita is most deserving of this distinction as one of DEP's Employees of the Month.

February Winners

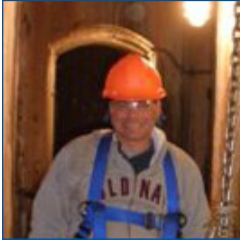


**Dave Burns, Associate Project
Manager, Watershed Protection and
Planning, Bureau of Water Supply**

Dave coordinates the Stream Management Program activities in the Schoharie Reservoir Basin, and manages the CWC Stream Protection Program. Working with local program partners like the Greene County Soil

and Water Conservation District, Dave has developed a grant-based program for distributing stream management implementation funds, which benefits both DEP and the towns within the Schoharie basin. Dave's efforts help to sustain and improve the water quality that nine million New Yorkers rely on every day.

January Winners



Richard Masula, Supervisor of Watershed Maintenance, Water Supply, Western Operations Division

Richard inspects and maintains DEP's infrastructure throughout the Shokan Region. He and his crew disassembled – and then reassembled – a previously inoperable gate valve in the Ashokan Upper Gate Chamber. The valve, located 110 feet below ground in a confined space,

had been stuck closed for over ten years. The repairs Richard and his team performed saved DEP about \$1 million, and demonstrate the incredible talent and ingenuity of our employees.



George Duncan, PAA, Bureau of Water and Sewer Operations, Brooklyn South Sewer Maintenance

George is responsible for payroll, clerical services, and supervision of other administrative staff at the Brooklyn South Sewer Maintenance Yard. He has also taught his colleagues at the Brooklyn Yard how to use Hansen and track customer service requests. George is a great team builder and always takes the lead embracing new technology and ways of doing business.

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Robert Zaragoza, Supervisor of Mechanics (Mechanical Equipment), Division of Systems Engineering Bureau of Wastewater Treatment

Robert Zaragoza is a Machinists foreman in BWT who oversees the repair and maintenance of major mechanical equipment at both the North River and Hunts Point Wastewater Treatment Plants. Bob and his crew completed a complex repair on Main

Sewage Pump Number 4 at North River. Bob ensured that the scaffolding, rigging, confined space entry, and machining were all done in compliance with EHS requirements. Returning that pump to service restored North River's wet weather capacity. For this and his many other efforts, Robert is BWT's inaugural Employee of the Month.



Dennis Stanford, Project Manager, WWIS, Bureau of Engineering, Design and Construction

Dennis manages several critical projects in the Rockaways, Gowanus Canal, and Newtown Creek. He currently manages BEDC's Greenhouse Gas and Climate Change Program and is part of the Agency's Climate Change Task Force. Dennis is a dedicated DEP employee who effectively manages his projects within the proposed budgets and time frames. His work is essential to ensure that we meet Mayor Bloomberg's ambitious water quality goals.

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Commissioner's Award Winner: William Yulinsky, Director, EH&S Program, Bureau of Wastewater Treatment

When Bill began in BWT in 2006, EHS compliance was a major issue for the bureau. Since that time, BWT has put together a compliant and sustainable EHS program. Injury rates have dropped and releases have been reduced. Bill's

efforts were instrumental in bringing federal criminal probation to an end on December 31, 2009. While Director of EHS in the Bureau of Water and Sewer Operations from 2002 until 2006, Bill also established a comprehensive EHS program, which enabled BWSO to meet all of their compliance action plan milestones.

February Winners



Yefim Daysudov, City Planner II, Review and Construction Compliance/Engineering, Bureau of Water and Sewer Operations

Yefim reviews water main and sewer designs submitted by various NYC and NYS agencies, as well as shop-drawings for non-standard structures and field changes. He takes the initiative to find solutions to very complex engineering problems, and he goes above and beyond to quickly

complete assignments with exceptional accuracy and professionalism.



Julio Moncayo, Staff Analyst, Accounting, Office of Engineering Audits

Julio supervises accountants and auditors in the Office of Engineering Audits. His responsibilities include the distribution, tracking/monitoring, and approval of auditing vouchers and/or payments. He uses his 21 years of Agency experience to find solutions to complex problems. Even with the recent FMS shut down, Julio went beyond the call of duty to ensure that DEP's contractors and consultants were paid on time.

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Chung Chan, Director, Office of Air/Noise Review and Planning, Bureau of Environmental Planning and Analysis

Chung plans and develops research programs for major fields of environmental research, including greenhouse gases, air quality, noise impacts from construction projects, and odors from wastewater treatment plants. He led DEP's study on the impacts of No. 4 and No. 6 fuel oils,

resulting in an Agency proposal to phase out these fuel oils and substitute them with cleaner fuel sources, a major goal of Mayor Bloomberg's PlaNYC.



Joseph DiGiovanni, Stationary Engineer Electric, East Division, Bureau of Wastewater Treatment

Joe DiGiovanni is a maintenance stationary engineer (electric) who was instrumental in keeping the treatment process at Owls Head functioning during February, when both an aeration tank and a blower were out of service for major capital repairs. Joe developed maintenance

schedules and oversaw the daily work to ensure that other plant-wide systems were at peak output to compensate for the outages. Joe's extraordinary efforts are a great example of going above and beyond to get the job done.



Commissioner's Award Winner: Michael Saucier, Press Secretary, Bureau of Communications & Intergovernmental Affairs

As Press Secretary, Mike has been tasked with developing an aggressive media relations campaign to highlight the work of the Agency. Since the first of the year, he has bolstered both in-City and

watershed coverage of Agency projects and operations across all media: print, television and radio. Mike's hard work has produced fast results, and he's done a great job highlighting the agency's work in all areas.